

Remarks

In the Office action dated August 27, 2007 (“Action”), the Examiner imposes a two-way restriction requirement as follows:

Group I – claims 6, 13, 15, 25, 26, 28, 31, 32, 34, 41, 43, and 102;

Group II – claims 16, 30, 35, 38, 39, 45-50, 62, 63, 66, 68, 69, 71-73, 77-81, and 103.

Applicants respectfully disagree with the restriction requirement and the Examiner’s characterizations of the claims. To expedite prosecution, however, Applicants elect Group I, which includes claims 6, 13, 15, 25, 26, 28, 31, 32, 34, 41, 43, and 102, without traverse. Applicants have canceled the claims of Group II, claims 16, 30, 35, 38, 39, 45-50, 62, 63, 66, 68, 69, 71-73, 77-81, and 103, without prejudice to pursuing the canceled claims in a divisional application.

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